



May 7, 2017

The Honorable Isiah Leggett, County Executive
Executive Office Building
101 Monroe Street, 2nd Floor
Rockville, MD 20850

Re: Support for Elizabeth Square Mixed-Use Project in Silver Spring.

County Executive Leggett:

On Behalf of the Silver Spring Urban District Advisory Committee, I am writing to advise you of our support for the Housing Opportunities Commission and Lee Development Group's Mixed-use "Elizabeth Square" Project to be located on the west side of Second Avenue between Fenwick Lane and Apple Avenue in Silver Spring. The Project is located in the Silver Spring Central Business District and the Silver Spring Parking Lot District and within convenient walking distance to the Silver Spring Metro and the Transit Center.

Elizabeth Square will be a unique mixed-use project. The Project will incorporate: (1) Up to 906 multi-family dwelling units that include senior housing, moderately priced dwelling units, workforce housing units, and other affordable housing units; (2) approximately 5,000 square feet of retail uses; and (3) the South County Regional Aquatic and Recreational Center. The Project will have underground parking and parking in the nearby public garage. This proposed Project will replace the old Elizabeth House for seniors and an older commercial townhouse office development known as "Fenwick Professional Park." The existing Alexander House will be refurbished.

Elizabeth Square is an exciting Project that will incorporate a major regional public recreational facility in a modern, attractive development with affordable and market rate housing for a mixed-income, multi-generation population at a transit-oriented location in the CBD.

We hope you agree and work with us to support this valuable project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Brian Abramson
Chair
Silver Spring Urban District Advisory Committee